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REACTION

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is responsive to the Official Action of April 21, 2006. Claims 17 – 31 are pending in the application.

The only issues raised in the Action are two obviousness-type double patenting rejections over claim 1 – 7 of the parent application now issued as US 6,730,478; see items 3 and 4 of the Action.

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer executed by the undersigned on behalf of the assignee. Also attached is an Abstract of the title of this patent. Ownership of the subject application is the same by virtue of the divisional status of this application.

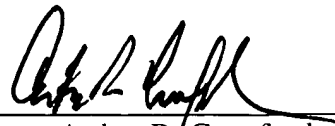
If the Examiner requires further information or this response does not place this application in condition for allowance please contact the undersigned.

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